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For : ***AUTOMATED DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM IMPLEMENTING
IMMUNOASSAYS AND CLINICAL CHEMISTRY ASSAYS ACCORDING
TO A REFLEX ALGORITHM***

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 5, 2001, and pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 CFR §1.114, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1, 9, and 10 as indicated below. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims, showing all of the changes relative to the previous version of the claims, is annexed hereto.

1. (Twice Amended) A diagnostic system comprising:

* an immunoassay analyzer;

/ a clinical chemistry analyzer;

/ an automatic sample handling device coupled between said immunoassay analyzer and said clinical chemistry analyzer to allow sharing of samples therebetween; and

/ a processor in communication with said immunoassay analyzer and said clinical